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1. The flagship of the Bulgarian War Fleet is a destroyer of the OBRASOV type, which the Soviets turned over to the Bulgarian Navy in 1951. Two turbine motors, which together develop 60,000 HP, power the ship, which is 118 meters long, 11.2 meters wide, and has a displacement of 1800 tons; draught: 3.8 meters; speed: 36 knots; and a crew of 250 men. The ship's armament consists of the following:
 - a. Four 130 mm. naval guns; placed in pairs in armored turrets;
 - b. Two 76.2 mm. long-range cannons;
 - c. Ten 37 mm. antiaircraft machine-guns;
 - d. Four 20 mm. twin-barrel antiaircraft machine-guns;
 - e. Six 533 mm. torpedo launching tubes, in two sets of three each;
 - f. 80 mines; and
 - g. Four depth-charge launchers.
2. The USSR also turned over to the Bulgarians a second destroyer, the GEORGI DIMITROV, of the SHELSNIAKOV NOVIK type. This destroyer was renovated in 1950 in Nikolayev, at which time the speed was raised to 28 knots.
3. The Bulgarian War Fleet also comprises the following:
 - a. Two speedboats (torpedo boats) of the English-type "Powerboat";
 - b. One 60-ton torpedo boat with diesel motor (a former German torpedo boat);

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- c. Four 57-ton boats, of the German "S" type, with diesel motors;
- d. Six former German air-sea rescue boats; each 90 tons with a speed of 28 knots;
- e. Two coastal patrol boats; type: US-SC 1916; and
- f. Two coastal patrol boats; each 200 tons with a speed of 25 knots.

Since late fall of 1953, one coastal defense ship and a minelayer-minesweeper have been under construction.

- 4. All of these units of the Bulgarian Navy are stationed in Stalin (formerly Varna). A small unidentified number of additional units are stationed in Burgas.

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